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Board of EMS Meeting
Maine EMS Conference Room
February 7, 2001

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Leo Bouchard (Chair), Carol Pillsbury (Chair-elect), Robert Ashby, Oden Cassidy, Debbie Dane, Richard Doughty, William Dunwoody, Paul Knowlton, Penelope Stevens, Charles Little, Carol Pillsbury, Alan Azzara, Wayne Werts, John Burton (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Joanne LeBrun, Donnie Carroll, Rick Petrie

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Bill Montejo, Drexell White, Laura Yustak Smith, Esq. (AAG)

1. Approval of January 3, 2001 Meeting Minutes

Jay pointed out that the January minutes were missing the details of what the MDPB had agreed would be required in order to obtain the medical director's signature on a license application.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the January 3, 2001, minutes with the addition of the criteria for medical director signature. (Dunwoody; second by Stevens)
Unanimous

2. Old Business

a. Delta Ambulance Request for Rules Interpretation

Jay reported that the meeting with Delta's executive director and the AAG had not yet taken place. Consensus was to table this until the March meeting and report back on that discussion.

3. New Business

a. Awards Committee

Jay reminded members that the annual EMS Awards presentation will be scheduled during EMS Week (May 20-26, 2001). Nominations are due at MEMS by March 15, 2001. Alan Azzara, Rick Petrie, and Debbie Dane agreed to work with Dwight Corning to review the nominations and make a recommendation for Board action at its April meeting.

b. Legislation Review – Discussion on Positions

Jay distributed the latest version of the EMS Legislative Summary. This is updated on a regular basis and is posted on the MEMS web site. There was discussion on LD 283 which is an act to fund Epinephrine Autoinjectors for First Responders. Jay will be meeting with the sponsor of the bill, Rep. David Trahan (Waldoboro) and wanted to get a feeling from the Board on the concept of this bill.

Following discussion on several implementation issues that would need to be addressed, the consensus of the Board was that the concept of having these autoinjectors available for basic life support providers is one that has merit.

Jay also asked for guidance on how the Board would like to develop its response to legislative bills as they come to our attention. Consensus was that in between meetings Jay would discuss these with the chair. Board members will receive an e-mail alerting them to the status of EMS related legislation as needed.

c. Investigations Task Force (Report)

Wayne Werts presented a draft disciplinary matrix for the Board's review and comment. Committee members were commended on their work and advised to keep working on the matrix. Wayne explained that that next step in the process would be looking at the Rules and changes that should be made there. He explained that this will be a more difficult and complex project and will require increased input from Board members.

d. Investigations Committee Action Items

MOTION: To ratify the January 3, 2001, minutes of the Investigations Committee. (Little; second by Dunwoody) Unanimous

e. Operations Team Action Items

Due to the storm on 2/6/01, the Operations Team meeting was cancelled.

f. Service Sponsorship Work Group (Report)

Debbie Dane reported on the meeting that was held in January at which time a template was drafted with regard to the license and practice status under a "no sponsorship" model. The template had different scopes of practice depending upon the license and affiliation status of a provider.

There was also considerable discussion about a variety of topics including, but not limited to: how the latter practice may be affected by the Health Securities Act, the mechanism of QA for someone operating in a "no service" system, defining medical direction requirements, evaluating a "closed" system (e.g. industrial setting), and reporting disciplinary action taken.

The Board requested that the Work Group continue its work and make progress reports a regular agenda items for future meetings.

Next meeting of the Work Group will be 2/22/01, 9:00 @ MEMS.

g. Medication plans

i. Indian Township

Indian Township has submitted a request to obtain their Intermediate level medications directly from the Health Center. Staff recommended approval.

MOTION: To approve the medication plan of Indian Township Ambulance Service to receive their Intermediate level medications from their Health Center provided that all other record keeping and reporting requirements are met. (Dunwoody; second by Pillsbury) Unanimous.

ii. Meridian (East) Ambulance (withdrawn)

h. Board Member Profiles

Jay requested that Board members complete and return the brief profile forms that were previously distributed. This is to provide information about the Board in upcoming issues of the Journal of Maine EMS.

i. Other

i. Waiver request – Sterling Ambulance

Sterling Ambulance has submitted a request to waive the Rule that requires a 45 day notification period prior to issuing a new license. Sterling has made arrangements to take over Seacoast Ambulance in Rockport effective immediately. Drexell reviewed the waiver criteria for the Board. Staff recommendation is to approve the request.

MOTION: To approve the request of Sterling Ambulance to waive Section 3.D.1(c)(xi). (Doughty; second by Werts) Unanimous.

4. Staff Reports

a. Office

Jay reported that Bill Montejo will be leaving MEMS on March 2. Bill has accepted a position with North East Mobile Health in Topsham. The Board complimented Bill on his contributions to EMS over the past several years. The process has begun to advertise this vacancy and fill the position as soon as possible.

Jay also reported that the new MEMS web page is up and running. The new design also represents a transition to a new server that will allow for more frequent updates. Future plans include online CEH queries and service rosters.

b. MDPB

Dr. Burton reported that the MDPB met in January and received an update on LifeFlight of Maine activities from Dr. Larry Hopperstead. The MDPB has also approved a mechanism for considering revisions to the treatment protocols, which went into effect immediately. The MDPB also approved new protocols for ET placement in accordance with the new AHA guidelines and a new algorithm for V-Fib. These and all other protocols approved during this process will go into effect with the next printing of the protocols, which is planned for the fall of 2001.

Alan Azzara noted that there would be a meeting of service chiefs on February 20 @ 1:30 to develop a single document with protocol changes for consideration by the MDPB.

5. Other – none at this time.

Adjourned at 11:50